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SUBJ: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON TERRORISM

1. AT END OF EXTENSIVE DEBATE NOVEMBER 15 ON REPORT FROM ITS POLITICAL COMMITTEE, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP) ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING UNCONDITIONALLY ALL ACTS OF TERRORISM AND THE AUTHORITIES OF COUNTRIES WHICH AID AND ABET THEM, AND CALLING ON ALL EC MEMBER STATES TO MAKE FULL AND CONTINUOUS USE OF THE COMMUNITY AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION MACHINERY, AND TO GIVE EFFECT TO EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY SUPPRESS TERRORISM. RESOLUTION ALSO REQUESTS THE UN TO ACCELERATE THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONVENTION AGAINST UNCLASSIFIED

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2. IN INTRODUCING HIS REPORT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, FLETCHER-COOKE (CONSERVATIVE, U.K.), RAPPORTEUR OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, OBSERVED THAT THE PURPOSE OF TERRORISTS APPEARS TO BE TO UNDERMINE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS AND, TO THIS END, TO MAKE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS MORE

TYRANNICAL AND DICTATORIAL. HE

NOTED THAT HIS COMMITTEE SAW NO NEED TO INTRODUCE NEW MECHANISMS TO COMBAT TERRORISM SINCE THERE ALREADY EXISTS A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CONVENTIONS AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON TERRORISM. WHAT WAS NEEDED, HE SAID, IS APPLICATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS, AND HE APPEALED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF AVAILABLE INSTRUMENTS, CONCLUDING HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS WITH A CALL FOR ACTION RATHER THAN MORE WORDS.

3. SPOKESMAN FOR ALL PARLIAMENTARY POLITICAL GROUPS ECHOED COOKE'S VIEWS. THEY CALLED FOR MORE CONCRETE INTERNATIONAL ACTION AND SUPPORTED THE VIEW THAT TERRORISM IS AIMED AT BREAKING DOWN WESTERN DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS. FOR THIS REASON, THEY SAID, THERE IS NEED TO EXERCISE CIRCUMSPECTION AND FINESSE IN ATTACKING THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM LEST DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS RESORT TO TERROR TO STAMP OUT TERROR. MP'S CONSIDERED THE LATTER APPROACH UNACCEPTABLE SINCE IT WOULD SIMPLY PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE TERRORISTS. ALL PARLIAMENTARIANS URGED THE NEED FOR POOLING EC MEMBER STATE RESOURCES AND EFFORTS AND CALLED UPON MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE LEGAL MACHINERY AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO COMBAT TERRORISM. IN ADDITION, SOME SPEAKERS PROPOSED THAT MEMBERS OF THE EC EXCLUDE FROM THEIR AIRPORTS AND AIRSPACE CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC FROM THOSE COUNTRIES ASSISTING TERRORISTS OR UNCLASSIFIED

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HARBORING THEM. OTHERS SUGGESTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR CRIMES OF TERRORISM. ALL EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT TERRORISM IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY AND SHOULD BE ERADICATED. FINALLY, IT WAS THE GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO UNNECESSARY QUARRELING AMONG GOVERNMENTS OR POLITICAL PARTIES ON THE GRAVE ISSUE OF TERRORISM.MORRIS. UNQUOTE VANCE".

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